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1. Prior to 23 March 1952, the Volkspolizei Dienststelle (VFD) in Pinnow, an AAA school, was organized into the headquarters, 1 instruction company and 5 training companies and totaled about 700 police. In addition, the installation housed a so-called Unit 200 which, allegedly was only administratively assigned to the school.
2. Officers assigned to the headquarters, who were known by last name, title and position, included: VP Kommandeur Lewerenz, school commandant; VP Oberrat Trampenau, deputy school commandant and PK chief; VP Oberkommissar Krueger, FDJ secretary; VP Rat Boerner, director of training; VP Rat Reichelt, liaison officer of the NFS; and VP Oberrat Gabriel, technical instructor.
3. Each of the 1st through 4th Cos consisted of about 100 police and was organized into four Zuge. The personnel of these companies were police ranking up to VP Hauptwachtmeister who had already served for a prolonged time and had been selected because of their professional qualifications and political reliability. Only a few of them had been members of the 4th Kommandos (artillery units). The courses of these companies were to last one year. The 5th Co had the same strength and organization but was composed of police who had been recruited as late as early 1952. The course of this company was to run for two years. The 6th Instruction Co also numbered about 100 and was composed of police who had already served for some time and were detached from other VPDs to the school.
4. Subjects covered in the training schedule of the school included PK instruction, basic training, AAA gunnery, practice firing, maintenance service, tank recognition service, artillery tactics, instruction with range finders, map reading, physical and general training. Artillery training was given with former German 20-mm and 37-mm guns on single-trail gun carriages according to the training schedule of the former German Armed Forces. Firing practice with blank ammunition was held at the Schwedt or the Oder River troop training grounds.

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5. Unit 200 was activated with the VPD in Pinnow in early February 1952. One four-story and 2 three-story barracks buildings were constructed for this unit in the area of the installation as early as 1951, and another four-story barracks building was still under construction, in March 1952. The unit, which numbered about 200 in March, was allegedly to be reinforced. Specially qualified personnel of the VPDs were selected for this unit. Trainees were detached to this unit even from the AAA school in Pinnow. These trainees were exclusively VP personnel with the rank of Kommissar or Unterkommissar. They were examined by Soviet physicians with regard to their fitness for flying. The unit was commanded by a VP Inspekteur, and most of the technical instructors had the ranks of Kommandeur or VP Oberraete. Seven Soviet technical instructors and 6 Soviet physicians, including 2 women, were also assigned to the headquarters of this unit. Soviet officials with air force insignia acted as Soviet advisers. As the personnel of this unit is sworn to the strictest secrecy, source was only able to learn that theoretical instruction on aircraft was being given. *

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* Comment. The report confirms previous information. The activation of Unit 200 may be connected with the planned organization of an air police. The existence of a Hauptverwaltung Luftpolizei (Main Administration of Air Police) (HVL) has not been confirmed to date.

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